

Town of Lunenburg

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Lunenburg Finance Committee Minutes March 31, 2011

Location: Town Hall
Present: Brian Laffond, Martha McDonald, Barbara Reynolds, Mike Mackin, John Male, Marilyn Stokes
Absent: Mark Erickson
Also Present: Kerry Speidel

- 1) Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 7:03 PM.
- 2) Communications – The Beacon; Planning Board hearing will be held on Leominster Road property.
- 3) Town Manager Updates – HANDOUTS: Tax Assessment grid updated and is also on website; pamphlet distributed on property tax valuation; health insurance reports broken out by active employees and retirees.
- 4) Review Warrant Articles – Special Town Meeting articles:
 - Article A – no numbers available yet; hope to cover snow and ice overrun in this year's budget.
 - Article B – expect to remove this article because no impact on Stabilization Fund.
 - Article C – \$35.27 adjustment; need to know what this is.Annual Town Meeting articles:
 - Articles A through F – JM made motion to approve, MM seconds, all approved.
 - Article H – still in bargaining.
 - Article I – still in bargaining.
 - Article J – have not opened negotiations.
 - Article K – bringing to the Board next Tuesday.
 - Article L – JM made motion to approve in the amount of \$2500, BR seconds, all approved.
 - Article M – solid waste/recycling still out to bid.
 - Article N – Sewer Department – wait on this article because numbers are not final.
 - Article O – skip over.
 - Article P – pay-as-you-throw program is out to bid.
 - Article Q – Senior Center has a new van; propose setting up a revolving fund to collect any fees to use for maintenance; recommend combining two revolving funds into one.
 - Article R – meals tax repeal – need to listen to arguments first.
 - Article S – pass over; no plans to use Stabilization Fund.
 - Article T – MM made motion to approve, MS seconds, JM and BL opposed; BL feels it's not a good precedent to set.
 - Article U – the budget.
 - Article V – no financial impact.
 - Article W – zoning change; allows more commercial zoning.
 - Article X – zoning change; allows more commercial zoning.JM commented that we are adding a small amount of services to the Library, Council on Aging, etc. when we cannot afford any additional services; MM pointed out that there will be a reduction of services in the schools.
- 5) Adjournment – BR made motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM and MS seconds, all in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Martha McDonald

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